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(*b*) whether the Government are aware that in the four conferences with the ryots held by the Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern Division, in the latter part of 1927, there was a unanimous request from the ryots that the canals in the Eastern delta should be opened on 1st June 1928 and that the Executive Engineer stated in reply that a notification was sent directing closure up to 6th June 1928 and that effect could be given to their request only from 1929;

(*c*) whether the notification for closing the canals up to 6th June 1928 has been published;

(*d*) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to notify closure only up to 1st June 1928; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to direct that instead of closing all the canals in the delta, such only of the canals as needed repairs be closed?

A.—(*a*) The report has been received and is now placed on the table.[a] It called for no particular action.

(*b*) The Government have no exact information about the conferences, but believe that requests were made as stated. The Chief Engineer's report shows that the canals must be closed for six weeks in 1928.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government have not yet received the Chief Engineer's proposals.

(*e*) Attention is invited to paragraph 2 of the Chief Engineer's report.

Observance of turns in channels where pump system has been introduced.

* 1386 *Q.*—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that even in the case of channels where the pump system has been introduced, turns are still observed; and

(*b*) if so, why?

A.—If the hon. Member will specify the channels to which he refers, the Government will enquire.

Legislation

Prevention of juvenile smoking.

* 1387 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in reply to Mr. Satyamurti's supplementary question to Dr. Subbarayan's question No. 943 answered on 16th October 1924 he promised to see in what direction legislation for preventing juvenile smoking should proceed;

(*b*) what he has subsequently done in the matter;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that several of the western countries as well as the States of Mysore and Travancore have passed legislation for this purpose; and

(*d*) whether the Madras Government have in contemplation any legislation for the prevention of juvenile smoking?

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[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on page 224 infra.

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